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Zaccaria Still Awaiting Debates, Says Langevin “Scared” to Confront Constituents

North Kingstown: Mark Zaccaria today announced that his campaign is still waiting to hear from Rep. Langevin’s office about the 20 debates that Zaccaria proposed over a month ago. “It’s been more than a month, and we still have not heard from Mr. Langevin or his campaign,” said Zaccaria. “This just goes to show that my opponent, a four-term incumbent, is utterly scared to face his constituents.”

On July 24th, Zaccaria sent a formal letter to Mr. Langevin asking for his agreement to a series of 20 debates, with one to be held in each of the 20 cities and towns that make up the Second Congressional District. That letter was received by Langevin’s office on July 31st. “I extended the debate offer to Mr. Langevin in an attempt to bring direct and open political dialogue to the people of Rhode Island, but apparently Mr. Langevin has forgotten whom he represents,” stated Zaccaria.

Throughout his campaign, Zaccaria has been a vocal proponent of increased public political dialogue. “The best way for the voters to be able to make an informed decision on November 4th is to have the candidates come before them with their political positions and explain why they believe their position is better,” said Zaccaria. “In other words, we need public political debates.”

Zaccaria went on to say that debates are an integral part of our political culture. “It is not unheard of to have multiple debates. In 2006, just over the border in Connecticut, Rob Simmons and Joe Courtney had a series of 12 debates,” Zaccaria said. “I don’t know why Mr. Langevin continues to hide from the people he claims to represent.”

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Mark Zaccaria is a resident of North Kingstown, RI, where he runs a small business. He and his wife, Ruth, have been married for 33 years. They have three grown children who are all residents of the state. Learn more about Mark's candidacy for congress at the web site: www.markz4ri.org

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